ED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMAR MAY 1 9 2003 APPLICATION In re: PA APPLICATION of: **Group Art Unit** 1617 ENGEL et al. Examiner: **Environment** S. JIANG Appln. No.: 09 523,455 Atty. Dkt. 99/06 PH P 264671 Series Code 1 Serial No. 1 **M**# Client Ref Filed: March 10, 2000 R Title: METHOD FOR A PROGRAMMED **DO NOT USE FOR PROVISIONAL,** RCE CONTROLLED OVARIAN STIMULATION **DIVISIONAL, CIP OR DESIGN** \mathbf{E} PROTOCOL APPLICATIONS, OR REEXAMINATION OF **PATENTS** MAY 2 2 2003 TECH CENTER 1600/2900 Mail Stop RCE Date: May 19, 2003 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114 Please continue the examination of this application. **PREREQUISITES**

This application was <u>filed on/after June 8, 1995</u>, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

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Please consider the following before the next Official Action:			
 Please ☐ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed ☐ The enclosed new Amendment ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed and reply brief filed 			
4. The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.			
5. The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement			
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6. Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the			
required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).			
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date of January 7, 2003 to cover the date this Request is filed. PLEASE CHARGE the requisite fee to our Deposit Account (see below) 8. PLEASE CHARGE the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of \$\begin{align*} \text{\$\text{S750 (lg. ent.)}} \begin{align*} \text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{930}}\sigma\$\text{\$\te			
deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!			
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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Mail Stop RCE **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated November 26, 2002, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.